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POSSIBLE RECALL OF SHAH AND STOCK

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(75 groups unrecovered)

*Shah can replace Shukh
(X) without difficulty*

He can replace SHAH [Shukh] even in our line.

2. So far as I have understood it, STOCK's [Shukh] [i] departure also is not far off. Even if SHAH and STOCK are both replaced without delay, the simultaneous recall of the two most experienced operational workers of the OFFICE [KONTORA] [ii] will have a severe effect on the performance of tasks especially those of the [B] first line, for it is clear that for satisfactory qualifications in our line

(8 groups unrecovered)

two months.

3. In the event of SHAH's liaison being handed over to ALEKSEJ [iii], which we consider absolutely necessary [2 groups unrecovered] to relieve ALEKSEJ of probations and the work of the control [1 group unrecovered].

4. Under ~~any~~ conditions, in so far as Shah has just had a child born, we consider it impossible to send him off earlier than in 3 or 4 months' time. Please expedite a reply.

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